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Corps of Engineers seeks public comment on environmental document for the construction of a raw water Intake facility at Canyon Reservoir, Comal County, Texas

The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is currently accepting comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA), a National Environmental Policy Act document, for the alternatives pertaining to the proposed construction of a raw water intake facility within Comal Park at Canyon Reservoir, Comal County, Texas.

The proposed project would be located on property owned by the Corps of Engineers with the pipeline right-of-way extending off of Corps property. The proposed project site would be in an area designated for public park and recreational purposes per the Corps 1970 Canyon Reservoir Master Plan. The raw water pipeline would be placed underground to transport the raw water to a water treatment plant and treated water delivery system located off-site as part of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) Western Canyon Water Supply Project. The water would be diverted from Canyon Reservoir to municipalities and other water purveyors in Comal and Kendall Counties and to the San Antonio River Authority, San Antonio Water System and Bexar Metropolitan Water District for use in portions of Bexar County on a returnable basis.

Under the proposed action, the Corps of Engineers would grant a real estate easement to the GBRA for the purpose of constructing a fixed, submerged raw water intake facility and associated raw water pipeline. The facility would include a wet well, reservoir taps, pump equipment and building, utilities and communications, and site improvements and

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access. The facility would be located in an approximately 100-feet by 160-feet fenced area. Site work at the facility would include fencing, site grading, access road, parking, electrical service entrance, electrical transformer and telephone service. The raw water pipeline would be placed underground to transport the raw water to a water treatment plant and treated water delivery system located offsite as part of the GBRA Western Canyon Water Supply Project.

Written comments on the EA will be accepted through August 17, 2002 by sending them directly to Mr. Karl J. Weighmann, CESWF-PER-EE, P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas, 76102-0300, or by e-mail at Karl.J.Weighmann@swf02.usace.army.mil. Copies of the EA and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact may be requested in writing at the above address or by telephone at (817) 886-1713.

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